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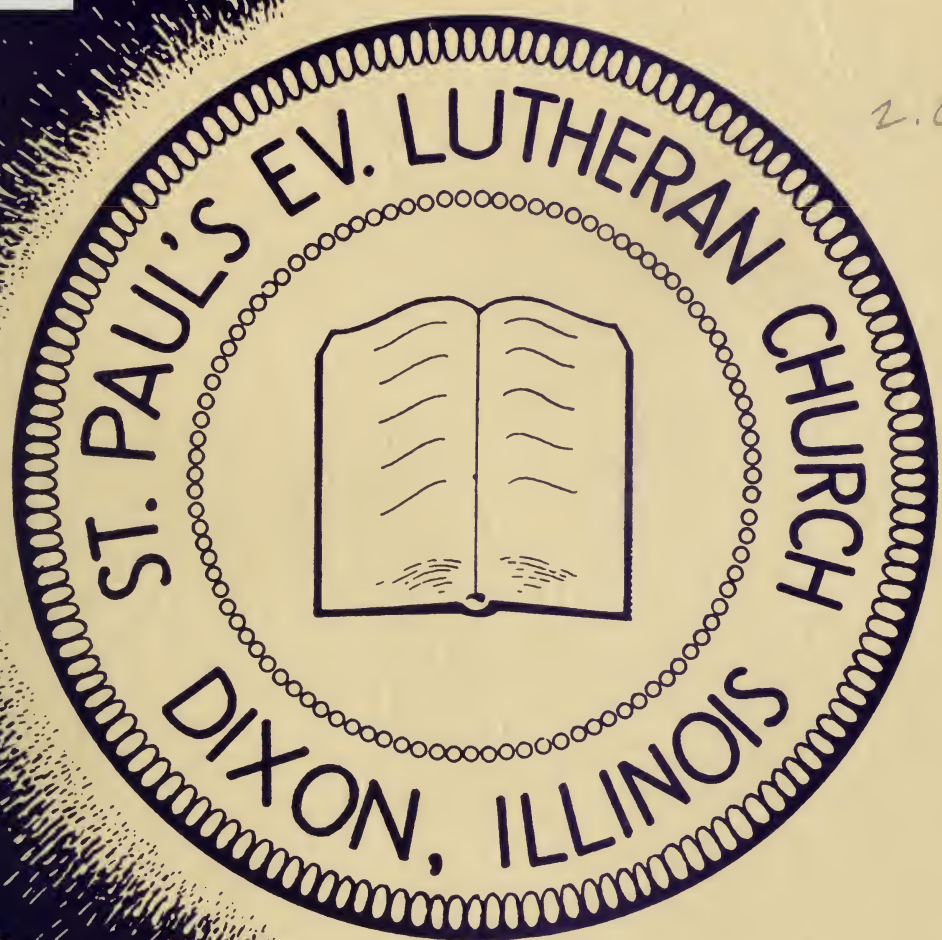


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Dedication

TO

Jesus Christ, "The Church's One Foundation,"
and to all those faithful, God-inspired,
courageous souls—who, despite all vicissitudes
and discouragements, followed Him and gave of
themselves unstintingly to the establishment
and maintenance of this church, whose One
Hundredth Anniversary we commemorate—this
booklet is gratefully and reverently dedicated.

1848 — 1948

The Pastors



The Reverend George J. Curran



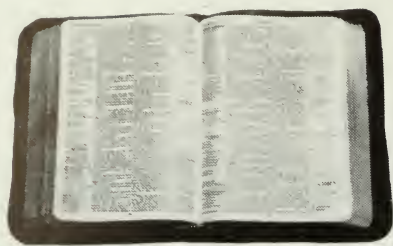
The Reverend Luther H. Cooperrider

The Church



Where Worship and Fellowship are Combined in the
Making of Christian Character

The Message



GOD. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This is the first statement of the Bible and the basic teaching of its message. It is approved by a thorough study of the natural order; it is affirmed by great scientists; and the intuitive thoughts of man somehow ever return to it. It is the attestation of faith that God not only created man, but that He calls man by His Gospel, enlightens him by His gifts, sanctifies and preserves him in true faith.

THE BIBLE. It is the inspired Word of God. For in the Scriptures "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The Bible is our text book for Christian faith and life. In it we find the truth about God, His plan of salvation, and the Christian way of life. The thought of the accompanying great hymn is one example of the influence of God's Word in man's life. The church becomes the bearer of its wisdom, its truth and its light, that these may be central in our lives.

SIN. Although God has created man in His own spiritual likeness, He endowed him with freedom of will and choice. But man has not lived up to God's will and way. "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." This sin is the source of our world's sorrow. It causes trouble among men, and by reason of it each human soul, in his natural state, is lost.

SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST. God does not forsake man, even though man sometimes forgets God. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life." God removes us from sin by His Grace, bestowed upon us through Christ. By repentance of sin and by faith in Christ our Saviour, each soul may come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus and be made a new man in Him.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. At birth we were born according to the flesh. At baptism we are "born of the water and of the spirit" for our "growth in grace," our "strengthening in faith," our "patience in suffering" and for the "blessed

*O Word of God Incarnate
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky!
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our foot-steps,
Shines on from age to age.*

hope of everlasting life." Growth in the Christian life comes through the study of God's Word, evidenced not so much by what we learn as by what we become. Faith is strengthened by fellowship with God in prayer, worship and Holy Communion. Patience in suffering is a mark of Christian service, for we learn from Christ it matters not so much what happens to us as what we do about it. Through God's Word and a living faith we feel the presence of the Divine Spirit which gives us strength to overcome the hindrances confronting us in an imperfect world. Through active faith in the Saviour, who is the "Resurrection and the Life," the Christian has the assurance that death is not the end, but for him it shall be the fulfilment of an eternal fellowship with God.

THE CHURCH. The physical evidence of the fellowship of God's presence with man is the church. It is the "ecclesia" or gathering together of believers and our hopes are strengthened by the knowledge that through faith we are united with all who believe in Christ or have believed. We join ourselves together not only to receive but also to serve in advancing the kingdom of God's love. Jesus centers his teaching around "the kingdom of God." Twice, in Matthew 16:18 and 18:17, Christ speaks of the church, and very definitely, as the fellowship and organization through which the Kingdom of God can be established in men's hearts and actions. Through the Church, the Means of Grace—the Word of God and the Sacraments—have been brought to each generation.

THE WORLD. In the field of the world we are to sow the seed of God's truth that it may influence the lives of men as "leaven" to help men live on a true and wholesome level of human conduct. Through the great missionary program of the church, the Command of Christ is carried out, "to go into all the world and make disciples of all men." In a world confused by doubt, darkened by sin and despair, we are to let our lights so shine that others may see and glorify God. That the world may have light, and love, and peace, "Brighten the corner where you are."

The Church In History

The Church from Thee, her Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Thee, the Incarnate Word.

The Lutheran Church

The history of the Christian Church is a pertinent story of God's people on earth. It had its humble beginning in the chosen twelve and those other early followers who listened to the teaching of the Galilean, of whom it was said "Never man spake like this man . . . He speaketh as one having authority and not as the scribes . . . Truly this is the Son of God."

We find the background of the Church in the Old Testament scriptures. We point to the Day of Pentecost as the time of its organized beginning. From Jerusalem it spread across the Roman Empire and into Europe. In spite of persecution it spread its influence into the western hemisphere and almost all the world. It carried the lights of learning through the Dark Ages into the Renaissance. When abuses and evils crept into its life, the Reformation movement restored its true teachings and practice..

Lutheran Church Formed in Reformation

"Pro-testus" is the Latin expression "for truth." In the 16th century, those who sought to correct the abuses of the Roman Church and to reestablish true worship, were given the name Protestant. They protested against error and "for truth."

In 1517, Martin Luther, a monk and teacher in the University of Wittenberg, Germany, posted his Ninety-five Theses protesting against unscriptural practices of the Church. In the conflicts which followed, Luther presented the Lutheran Reformation principles of Justification by Faith, the Sole Authority of the Scriptures, and Freedom of the Christian Conscience

Luther's Large and Small Catechisms of 1529, and the Augsburg Confession, signed in 1530, became the best known and accepted doctrinal statements of the Lutheran Church. As the movement spread, the political and ecclesiastical power of the Church and the Holy Roman Empire were broken. Followers of Luther became known as Lutherans, and the Lutheran Church spread through Central and Northern Germany, and the Scandinavian countries.

Lutheran Immigrants Come to America

When the immigrants from these countries came to America, many brought the

Lutheran faith with them. The first Lutherans to come were the Swedes who came to what is now Delaware, in 1619, one year before the Pilgrims. During the next century Lutherans came to the Colonies, and especially to Pennsylvania. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, a Lutheran pastor sent from Germany in 1742, took the leadership in ministering to these Lutheran pioneers, and in 1748 at Philadelphia, he organized the first Lutheran Synod in America, known as the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The motto of this energetic father of American Lutheranism was "Ecclesia Plantanda"—"The Church Must Be Planted." Other Lutheran groups were formed, most of which were united into the General Synod about 1821. Later the General Council and the United Synod South were organized.

United Lutheran Church Organized

Lutheran immigrants continued to come to America and the church grew and moved westward. In 1918 these three groups merged and founded the United Lutheran Church in America, the largest Lutheran body in the United States and Canada. Other immigrants from the Scandinavian countries were settling in the central and north-central states. They worshipped in their mother tongue, and set up their own church organizations, thus establishing the Norwegian, Danish, Augustana, or Swedish, and Finnish churches. German immigrants coming to western New York, Ohio and Iowa also organized Synods, which in 1928 formed the American Lutheran Church. German immigrants coming to Missouri and some other mid-western states formed the Missouri Synod.

Lutheran Foreign Missions

The father of our Foreign Mission work was Dr. Christian Frederick Heyer, who was sent by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to India in 1841 to establish the first Lutheran Mission there. Our Church now does mission work in six foreign fields through the devoted labors of 71 ordained missionaries, 77 unordained missionaries. (not counting wives of missionaries) and over 4,000 native workers. The Lutheran Church in the United States is the third largest Protestant denomination in America, while it is the largest Protestant Church in the world.

The First Lutheran Church in Dixon

In the spring of 1828, a French Indian half-breed and interpreter settled here, erected a cabin on the bank of the river, and established the first ferry without molestation from the Indians. Ogee's wife was a Pettawattomie and his relations and customs were allied with these people, so he was permitted to abide in peace and conduct his ferry. John Dixon had induced Ogee to build this ferry to accommodate the United States mail, which he was carrying from Pecria to Galena. In April of 1830, Mr. Dixon bought the ferry and moved his family here. The city which soon began to develop took his name. Mr. Dixon was regarded as the "redman's friend." They called him "Na-chusa," a contraction of Nadah-Churah-sah — (head-hair-white). Industries, business establishments, social life and religious life became a part of the still sparsely settled community.

Congregation Organized

On August 20, 1848, sixteen persons, gathered for worship in a barn belonging to John N. Burket, east of Dixon, formally organized a congregation to be known as the First Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Lee County, Illinois. The original minutes of that organization began: "Pursuant to previous notice, a meeting was held after preaching on the 20th of August, 1848, in the barn of John N. Burket for the purpose of organizing a congregation."

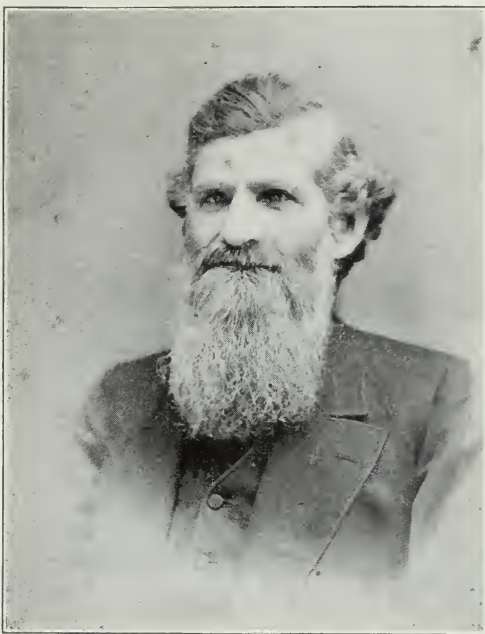
The Reverend Jacob N. Burket, who was the minister, presented the constitution which the congregation adopted. This constitution provided for the election of a council to be composed of the pastor, two elders and four deacons, and endowed the council with power to appoint a secretary and treasurer for the church. The formula for the government and discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church published by the General Synod was adopted, insofar as it did not conflict with the congregation's constitution.

The Reverend J. L. Stroh, Ogle county, Illinois, who was an important personage in the organization, also had held preaching services with this congregation, and after the church's formation, assisted in the serving of the Lord's Supper.

Records of the communicants in the first years of the church's organization were kept. On October 28, 1848, the names were recorded of eleven members, and five members from other Lutheran congregations who received the Lord's Supper.

The edifice which served as a place of worship was a barn, medium-sized, forty by sixty feet, with oak frame, hand-hewn, and pine siding hauled from Chicago, the nearest market.

In 1849 Reverend Burket reported to Synod two churches, eighty communicants



Rev. Jacob Neff Burket

and four Sunday Schools. Oregon, as well as other points were served by him. He preached his farewell sermon for the Dixon congregation on August 25, 1850.

The membership of the congregation had grown, and the need for a Sunday School organization was apparent. With William Young as superintendent, the first Sunday School for the First Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Lee County was started.

The Gravel Schoolhouse, a small building on the Burket farm, a quarter-mile from their home, became the next meeting place for the Lutheran congregation. The schoolhouse, made of large stones and gravel, plastered over on the outside, had small windows and was furnished with unfinished, unpainted pine benches, each of which would seat a dozen children.

The Reverend Ephraim Miller, D.D., served as pastor from May 4, 1851, to April 18, 1852. Reverend Miller had come to Illinois from Pennsylvania in 1841, began conducting the Hillsboro Academy in 1843, and had done much missionary work before coming to Dixon.

The Reverend Charles Young served as pastor at the Gravel Schoolhouse from May 9, 1852, until August 12, 1853. Once in four weeks the services were conducted in German. Sunday school services, however, were always in English. Reverend Young with

his family and relatives had traveled in wagons to Illinois from the East.

Name Changed

The name of the congregation was officially changed by the adoption of resolutions in a meeting on November 12, 1853, to "St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lee County and State of Illinois." Other resolutions made the elders, deacons and presiding pastor the trustees of the congregation and authorized the recording of the organization in the recorder's office at Dixon.

The German portion of the congregation on this same day, withdrew to organize its own church, and called Reverend Charles Young, their former pastor, for their minister. This separation lasted until about 1870.

The names of the English members were recorded anew on December 26, 1853, with William Uhl, pastor, as name 101 on the list. Reverend Uhl, whose untiring efforts had much to do with the building of the First Church, was pastor from 1853 to 1855.

First Building

The "First Church," which was begun during the summer of 1854 and dedicated on September 31, 1855, was a brick structure built on the west side of Crawford Avenue, at a cost of \$4,000. The expense was so low because the pastor did much of the work himself.

The parsonage was erected the following year at the corner of Fourth Street, just south of the church. The church was a plain building of red brick with four windows on each side and two on each end. It had a steeple and bell. The main entrance was reached by a long flight of wooden steps. The basement floor, in three rooms, was on the ground level.

Preaching and Sunday School services were held in the room upstairs, reached from the entrance through a narrow vestibule with two doors, one leading to each aisle. The pews were square, pine seats painted white.

The walls were plain white plaster, with lamps attached at sides of the room. The chancel was at the west end of the church. The high pulpit, with a lamp on either side, almost hid the minister when he was seated behind it. The room was heated with two wood stoves.

There was a small organ—a rarity in those days—and a choir of at least four, who used the seats south of the chancel on the balcony in the rear of the room above the entrance. They had hymn books with words only, and other books with the tunes. The music, it is said, helped the church attendance.

The Reverend Harbaugh was the first pastor in the new church, serving from July 29, 1855, until July 27, 1856.

Reverend William Uhl returned as pastor in September, 1856. The Northern Illinois Synod held its Sixth Annual Con-



Church in 1898

vention in the new church on October 8, 1856. The president, S. W. Harkey, in his report, spoke in appreciation of St. Paul's pastor and the "neat brick edifice." Reverend Uhl's second pastorate closed in 1858, but he returned to live in Dixon in 1860, when he gave freely of his time and means in church work at St. Paul's and elsewhere.

The membership of St. Paul's increased to 152 during the pastorate of the Reverend John L. Guard, from 1858 to 1861. He had four preaching stations in 1858. There was a "blessed season of grace" during the winter of 1858-1859, with baptisms and confirmations recorded in '60 and '61. Reverend Guard preached occasionally in the first house of worship built by St. John's in Sterling—"the little white church in the locust grove," then beyond the city limits.

The years of 1862 and 1865 formed an anxious period for the church, and the records of the church during that time are few. The Reverend J. R. Keiser served as pastor during these difficult years. Many young men who were to be earthly guides of the church were at the front in the war and a large number of old leaders had also gone, some never to return. One of the latter was William Young, the first superintendent of the Sunday School. He was wounded in the war and died in a hospital in Washington before its close.

The increasing congregation, after the Civil War, found the old First Church inadequate and the site unsatisfactory. At a meeting March 1, 1867, William Uhl offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to secure subscriptions and get plans for a new church and sell the old building. The next January, Dr. Paine's lot on the corner of Second and Hennepin was purchased as a site for the new church. The old building was torn down in 1879. The congregation met in the

Court House after their old home was sold until the new church was ready for use.

As built in 1868, the present church was a neat brick structure, 42 by 80 feet, two stories high, with the auditorium above as now. It cost \$14,664.81. The church was dedicated February 14, 1869. Reverend G. A. Bowers, of Hillsboro, preached the dedicatory sermon.

The Reverend Abraham A. Trimper was pastor of St. Paul's during the building of the church, from 1865 to 1870. The Northern Illinois Synod held its annual convention of 1869 in the new church. "Father Trimper" resigned the Dixon pastorate to visit churches in the interest of the new college at Carthage.

In 1870 the English and German congregations reunited after having separate organizations for sixteen years. A revised constitution was adopted by the congregation April 7, 1872. A. C. Specht became secretary of the Church Council May 4, 1873, and was one of its officers until Christmas, 1886.

In 1874 Dr. O. B. Blackman became superintendent of the Sunday School and was a leader in the church for over thirty-six years. During the fall of 1874, gas lamps were installed in the church, replacing the old side oil lamps, and the Sunday School benches were exchanged for chairs. The first Synod Sunday School Convention was held in Dixon December 7-9, 1875. The twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Northern Illinois Synod and the first session of the Woman's Missionary Society were held in Dixon September 12, 1878. From 1878 to 1885 steady growth of both church and Sunday School was made, as well as improvement in congregational and Sunday School singing, under Rev. L. L. Lipe, a good song leader. Miss Mary Fleck, who taught the youngest children in Sunday School for over twenty years, resigned in 1886. She died in 1892.

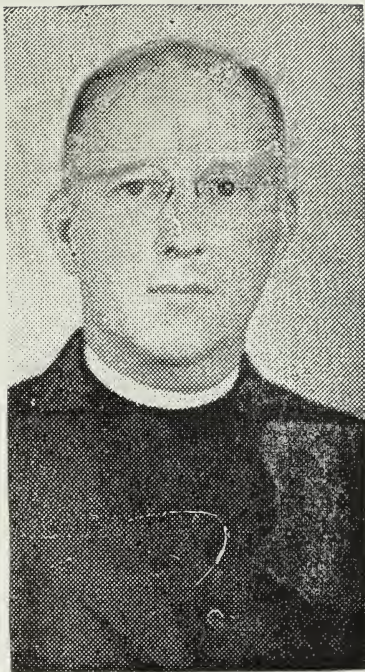
A Sunday School Institute held by the Synod July 17-18, 1887, at Governor Charters' place, north of Dixon, became the Rock River Assembly. The Northern Illinois Synod held its fortieth Annual Convention at Dixon in 1890.

Anniversary services were held November 12, 1893, celebrating twenty-five years in the present church building, and forty-five of church organization. Seventy new members were added to the church in 1894, the largest number ever received in any one year up to that time. June 2, 1895, Pastor Ruthrauff resigned, having been elected President of Carthage College.

Turn of the Century

At the turn of the century, in 1898, the Golden Jubilee was celebrated. Three of the former pastors participated in the celebration. They were Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., Rev. L. L. Lipe, and Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D.

As a part of the celebration, the church



Rev. Carl B. Caughman

building was renovated. On the east the addition, 25 by 40 feet and two stories high, provided additional space for Sunday School and other church activities. Another wing constructed on the west, provided space for the organ and choir. The space below was to be used for the Sunday School library and a class room. Dr. Blackman had started the first library. In the auditorium, stained glass windows replaced the plain glass. All of them were memorials. The pipe organ was installed at this time and the interior decorated. All of this cost approximately \$7000.

Rev. Thomas F. Dornblaser, D.D., was pastor from 1895 to 1903. He is remembered for his learned views on many subjects and his tours of the Holy Land and European countries. He was succeeded by Rev. W. L. Rutherford, whose ministry was also a very active and aggressive one. His sincerity is indicated in yearly letters to the congregation. Quote "For proper advancement, prestige and power in the work of the church, we must have improvement in every line according to ability. The beauty of the Lord's house should proclaim as a silent witness the honor and glory of God. A growing church is an advancing church."

The progress of the church was marked by an ever increasing attendance and membership. In 1898 there were 462 members. In 1904 the church joined with other Dixon churches to sponsor a revival meeting under the direction of Evangelist William A. Sunday, a fiery-tongued orator and leader

in the field of evangelism. The records say that 176 members were received into St. Paul's church that year, bringing the enrolled membership to 626, of whom over 500 were regular communicants. This was the most ever received in one year. Another banner year of that period was 1906 when 51 members were received. In 1905 the local expense amounted to \$2963.47. It is interesting to compare this amount with that of today. In this year the first teacher-training class was graduated at the Assembly Auditorium. The Young Ladies Missionary Society was organized this same year with five charter members. It is interesting to read that in 1907 the Council was instructed to purchase 15 tons of coal, at \$3.75 a ton. The duplex envelope system of giving was started in 1907. In this same year needed repairs were made to the parsonage and church, amounting to \$1466.21. Five years later hardwood floors were laid in the auditorium. Soon after this the pipe organ was rebuilt at a cost of \$1150, and on February 14, 1914, a recital was given.

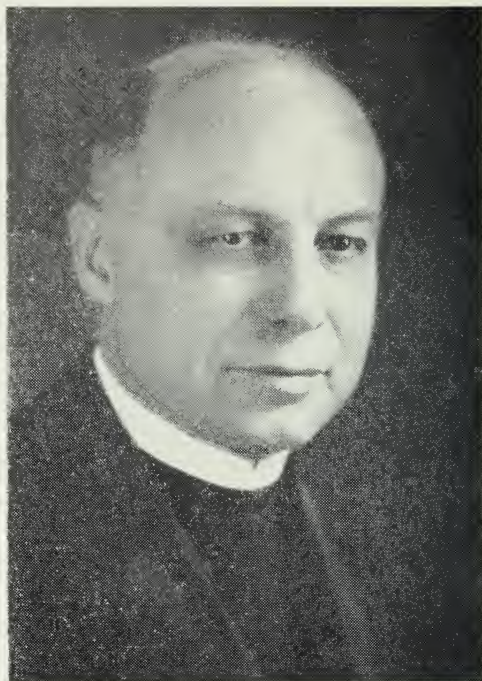
In October, 1908, St. Paul's Church was host to the Synod of Northern Illinois. The following year the 16th Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod met in Dixon to celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., served as pastor from 1910-1919. He was recognized as a scholar and his advancing ideals will long be remembered. It was said "His work was a blessing in spiritual things and a great help in things material."

In 1917 building improvements were again needed. The outside of the building was given a coat of stucco, and the interior was redecorated and an indirect lighting system was installed. All of this was accomplished for a total cost of \$5839.42. It is very interesting to note that in all the programs of renovation, the congregation did not have to go into debt. The people gave generously, not only of their money, but of their time, energy and talents

During the third quarter of a century, several names stand out. In the records we find that Mrs. A. J. Kay and Miss Sophia Andres were elected as the first deaconesses. Miss Nellie Moyer was the first organist. Mrs. W. E. White's name appears as the originator of the Cradle Roll in 1907. In 1910, 96 names were on the Cradle Roll. Mr. Theodore Moeller's name as Elder Emeritus is also found in these records. For thirty years Mr. C. Gonnerman acted as treasurer of the church, retiring from this office in December, 1915. The next year Samuel Hoon completed 26 years as secretary of the Sunday School.

The death of Dr. Orville Blackman in 1910 and that of Dr. A. L. Miller in 1911 saddened the people of Dixon. Dr. Blackman had been a member of the council and an active worker in the church and school from 1873. Dr. Miller was an elder in the council, a director of Carthage College and



Rev. Lloyd W. Walter

the Rock River Assembly, and treasurer of the Nachusa Children's Home. In this period many other members were responsible for building and establishing our fine and effective congregation.

Upon the resignation of Dr. Altman in 1919, the congregation called Rev. Lloyd W. Walter. The reception for the new minister was held in January, 1920.

Thus the third quarter of a century drew to a close. The people of the church left the fruits of their labors to posterity. They had built their church upon a Rock. With the help of God it had endured for 75 years.

Like the fabled character of old who couldn't see the woods for the trees, so we are apt to think little progress has been achieved during the past twenty-five years; it is too close for clear perception. That it has been made is fully established by the remarks often heard from older members of the church. "Really there are so many new faces in church, I hardly feel at home," or "I used to know everyone on a Sunday morning, and now I scarcely know the half of them." This bespeaks growth. We are not condoning an ignorance of our fellow church-members but we do say our church is growing. The figures substantiate this conclusion. In 1923 there were 891 Baptized members, 688 Confirmed members and 556 Communing members. In 1948 there were 1591 Baptized members, 1216 Confirmed members and 863 Communing members. A glance at the history is re-

wealth; not only is it a record of achievement, but it gives us warnings in points where we have drifted with the tide and not realized that we were losing ground.

The year 1923 was a notable one. We read that the history of St. Paul's Church was first put in permanent form; the Junior Department of the Bible School was organized, with Miss Eleanor Powell, superintendent; a Teachers' Training class of ten was graduated; forty children were promoted from Junior to Intermediate Dept., and the school roll of Oct. 1, 1923, was 430. The largest attendance during the year was Nov. 18th, called Jubilee Sunday, when the record shows 384. It is amusing to read that a telephone was to be installed. It has become so much a part of our church life, we don't remember the time when it wasn't there. The big event of the year was the Diamond Anniversary, with its celebrating programs. In this year the Altar, Lectern and Lectern Bible were given in memory of Anna M. Walter.

In 1924 another innovation appeared, the sand table for the Primary Dept. Rev. L. W. Walter attended the World Sunday School Convention and visited Palestine, Kenneth Hurst supplying during his absence. At this time the church was supporting Rev. Carl B. Caughman in India. For their promotion project, the Junior Dept. in 1925 gave an elaborate pageant entitled, "The Summer Christmas Tree," and realized through the offering taken at this performance \$110.00, all of which was sent to Rev. Caughman together with 43 lbs. of clothing and 100 lead pencils for use as gifts at the Christmas celebration in India.

In 1926 another pageant was given and the offering of \$44.00 was sent to Rev. Caughman. A class of 12 was graduated in Teachers' Training. Mrs. Louisa Powell, a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years, and a deaconess in St. Paul's Church for over 28 years passed away May 26th.

Two new pianos mark the year of 1927, one the gift of Mrs. Ellen Nosworthy to the Bible School; the other, the gift to our church from the Zion Lutherans, at the dissolution of their congregation.

In 1928 gold pins were given to 62 members of the Bible School for meritorious attendance, and the choir appeared in robes.

In 1929 Mrs. Maud Chiverton presented the congregation with five sets of beautiful paraments, the exquisite embroidery being some of her own art. The gift was a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruner, faithful members of St. Paul's.

100% Family Sunday was observed in 1930 and we read that the prize went to the Charles Helfrich family who had eight present.

In 1931 the Bible School purchased 50 folding steel chairs for its own use and 200

Common Service Books for use in the church. On Oct. 4th the Intermediate Department was organized with Mrs. Alice Hoban, Supt. On Nov. 17th the 84th birthday of O. L. Clymer was observed and Mr. Clymer was presented with a beautiful Bible. Nov. 26th brought the passing of Mrs. Mary L. Kay, organizer and teacher of the Sunshine Class for 40 years.

The first reunion of Confirmands was held on Palm Sunday, 1932.

1934 was an eventful year with a farewell for the Harvey Currens family, going out as missionaries to Liberia, Africa; the first Mother and Daughter Banquet held on May 8th and sponsored by Congress 16 Missionary Society; also the first Home Coming at Nachusa, an event in which St. Paul's took a most active part, and which was attended by over 4000 people.

Sept. 27th Mr. Owen Clymer passed away, with a record of over 60 years as a teacher and officer in Sunday School, many of which were spent in St. Paul's. Mr. Clymer was also a Councilman of long standing.

In 1935 the State Missionary Congress was entertained in Dixon. On August 31, 1935, Mrs. Mary Trein passed away, after a life-time of faithful service in St. Paul's church. In her will she had provided for a gift of \$1000 as a start toward a fund for chimes to become part of a new organ. Her family memorialized her in 1938 with a gift to the church of the Altar Candlesticks and Offering Plates.

Repairs and improvements predominate the records of 1936. The orchestra platform was built; a new roof, costing over \$1200.00 was put on the church, and a blower system furnace installed at a cost of over \$2000.00.

St. Paul's News, a monthly synopsis of church items made its appearance in 1937. The new kitchen and Beginners' rooms were built in 1937 and the Bible School rooms were painted.

Decoration of the church auditorium was carried over into 1938 and several memorials were given, all of which were formally dedicated in 1939. These included the Altar Cross, in memory of Stanley Hanscn, by his parents, the F. A. Hansons; the Altar Missile Stand, in memory of Sarah E. Winters, by her husband; the Baptismal Font, in memory of Charles, Ida and Mary Ruef, by John Ruef and the Candlesticks and Offering Plates mentioned above. Mrs. H. L. Wadsworth's Sunday School class presented the Altar Flower Vases at this same time. Dr. Franklin L. Gruber, then President of Maywood Seminary, was the speaker at this dedicatory service.

1941 brought an unusual event, the celebration of his 100th birthday by Dr. T. F. Dornblaser. Flowers and felicitations were sent to this former pastor who was making his home with his daughter in Chicago. The end of this year brought the war

clouds and the first of our men were off to camp, a total of 172 going from our church into the service, 139 of whom were actual members, and 9 of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

In 1942 the two beautiful framed flags and the electric clock we now enjoy in the Sunday School were given.

Mrs. H. L. Wadsworth's class gave the large service flag to the church in 1943, and Mr. Wickey's class furnished Bibles for each recruit as he left. A new kitchen was built at the parsonage, costing \$2137.

1944 brought many losses by death. Among them was that of Miss Anna L. Geisenheimer, long active and generous to St. Paul's. Her will left \$5000 to the church, \$10,000 to the Nachusa Home, and \$500 each to the Aid Society and the Missionary Society. On September 10th, Dr. L. W. Walter passed away after having served this congregation since December 1, 1919. He was memorialized by the church through a contribution of \$2565 to the new Men's Dormitory at Carthage College, where one room will be known as the L. W. Walter Room. This is a fitting tribute as Dr. Walter had been granted an honorary doctorate from Carthage College in recognition of his long service as Chairman of the Student Aid Fund Committee of the Illinois Synod.

On February 1, 1945, Rev. George J. Curran began his pastorate here. One of his first ministerial acts was to conduct the funeral service for Mrs. Otto Beier, another long-time faithful member of St. Paul's, who died on February 18th. In July of that year the congregation voted to make plans for a new church building as a Centennial objective for 1948. A building committee was chosen and a campaign for funds was launched in the fall. This has now netted about \$85,000 in cash, with additional pledges totaling \$106,000. Present abnormal building conditions will delay for some time the erecting of the new church. Therefore it was decided by the congregation in July of 1948 to clean and redecorate the old one. This was completed in time for the Centennial Celebration in October.

In 1946 Walter E. White, Clarence Wickey and John Martenson who retired from the Church Council after having served over 25 years, were elected Honorary Councilmen. Mr. White was also made Honorary Superintendent of the Sunday School, having faithfully served as Superintendent over 30 years. He was presented with a gift from the Sunday School.

Another councilman who served a long term of service was Harry Moore, who was called to his eternal reward the eve of the annual congregational meeting, January 12, 1948.

In 1947 a 16mm sound-projector and loud-speaker was presented to the church by a group of 19 individuals. The Progressive Class gave a film-slide projector and the Christian Helpers Class gave a screen. This Visual Aid equipment has provided en-

joyment and the means for modern instruction, especially in the young people's department. During the Christmas season a very attractive Manger Scene with life-size figures was erected outside our church. This flood-lighted scene and the amplified Christmas music attracted much attention.

The year 1948 has brought anniversary celebrations and activities in all lines. Early in the year an Eastman movie camera was given to the church by Mrs. James Pankhurst, and was used for the first time at the Father-Son Banquet in February, starting a Centennial film of important events throughout the year. On May 9th the Junior Department held a special service in the Bible School, in recognition of their 25th anniversary as a department, giving \$50 to the New Building Fund. On May 23rd the congregation celebrated the 20th anniversary of Pastor Curran's ordination, with a special service in the evening at which time Dr. H. D. Hoover of Gettysburg Seminary, a former teacher of Pastor Curran, was the speaker. Dr. Hoover made a most impressive address which will long be remembered by all who heard him. We question, however, if the professor from Gettysburg Seminary held as much interest for the congregation as did a certain young student from Maywood Seminary, Luther Cooperrider. Everyone except the Curran family knew what Mr. Cooperrider's part was to be and it was this that was so interesting, for he was presenting to Pastor Curran the congregation's surprise gift of a fine new Chevrolet, waiting on the front lawn of the church for inspection. Another gift to the church was made in June when the Christian Helpers Class presented a new vacuum cleaner.

Early in 1948, little banks were given to the Primary children. They were to save their special offering until October for the New Building Fund. On September 26th when the banks were returned, they totaled \$55.

A very important group in the congregation is L O Y A L (League of Young Adult Lutherans). In the fall of 1945 when the young men began to return from the war, the young ladies of the Service Club arranged a "welcome home" party. This mixed group organized in January, 1946, has steadily grown. L O Y A L does many fine things. They sponsor the Youth Leagues, helping them in many ways. They provide a parent-teacher tea each fall for the High School League. They sponsor a Christmas dinner and party each year for the Nachusa Lutheran Home for Children. This year they underwrote the making of a Centennial Movie of important events in the congregation. Officers are: Geo. Weyant, President; Erda Glessner, Vice President; Irene Hubbard, Secretary; Gerald Emmert, Treasurer. Meetings are the first Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Martin Tayman was the first president and Ed Cornils was the second.



LOYAL

On June 13th, 1948, Rev. Luther Cooperrider married Miss Lois Rosbrook, of St. Paul's, Dixon, and in July, 1948, Rev. Cooperrider became pastor of St. Paul's, Nachusa, and part time youth pastor at Dixon, giving two days a week to the Dixon work.

The Children of the Church, ages 6 to 12, our week day Christian Education group, meets Wednesday afternoons at 3:45. Leaders this year are: Mrs. Lyle Wade, chairman; Mrs. Rodney Breunlin, Mrs. Harry Wade, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. George Baker, and Mrs. Vernon Swan. Last year's chairman was Miss Carol Schroer and Mrs. Wm. Wickey the year before.

During the summers of 1938 and 1939 two young men, William Kmet and Richard Jobman served as student pastors of St. Paul's, as did Rev. Cooperrider in the summer in 1947. Rev. Kmet is now pastor of Good Shepherd, Oak Park, and Rev. Jobman is pastor of Havelock Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The actual date of the congregation's Centennial was observed on August 20th

with a full page of pictures and a resume of the history and activities in the Dixon Evening Telegraph, and a special anniversary sermon by Pastor Curran on August 22nd. The program of the final activities of the celebration of this Centennial, which will occupy most of the month of October, will be found elsewhere in this booklet. One of the outstanding events will be the historical pageant, prepared and directed by Miss Hazel Hecker, with the cooperation of many faithful members of St. Paul's.

We have climbed the hill of history but it has been a useless expenditure of effort unless we look ahead to the promised land. The past is largely the product of godly ancestors, whose fidelity and earnestness have built and preserved what should mean so much to us. The future is in our hands. Will those who scan the chronicles of the next one hundred years be moved by our sacrifices and devotion? Nay, more than this,—will the Master say "Well done," as He reviews the records? Can He say, "good and faithful servant" to each one of us?



Children of the Church

Our Church Today

It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkened world;
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

The Congregation

The congregation of St. Paul's consists of confirmed members of which there are 1216. There are 863 communing members who have communed at least once during the year, most of whom constitute the active membership. The governing body consists of the pastor and 15 deacons, elected by the congregation at the annual meeting. The deacon's term of office is three years and five are elected each year. The "model constitution" is the governing law of the church. The pastor and at least one lay delegate represent the congregation at the annual meeting of the Illinois Synod of the United Lutheran Church.

Confession of faith and membership in the Christian church are essential to spiritual life and growth, and necessary for the advancement of God's kingdom. Family worship and personal devotion are encouraged continually. Every member is urged to avail himself of the joy and blessing derived from regular worship and the receiving of the Lord's supper. The work of the church is financed by the regular contributions of its members. We here desire

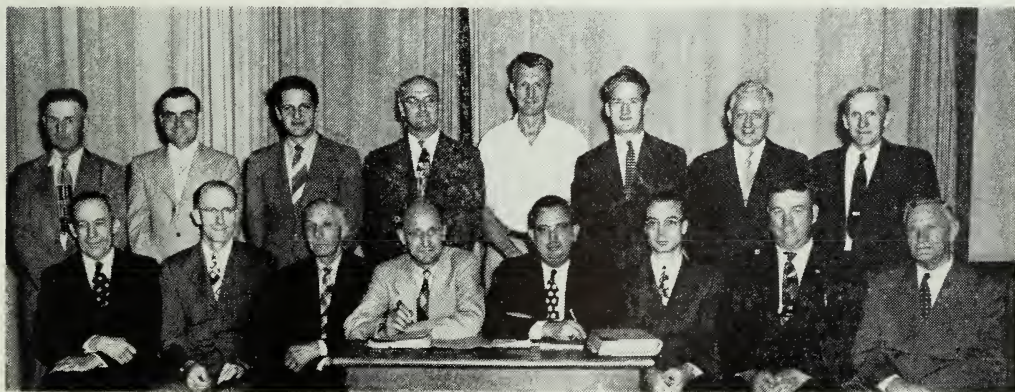
to give special mention to two groups of members:

CHARTER MEMBERS Aug. 20, 1848

John Burket	Catherine Hetler
Mary Burket	Jacob Shoop
John Moyer	Catherine Shoop
Elizabeth Moyer	Nancy Smice
Philip Mowrer	Lydia Cortright
Mary Mowrer	Catherine Parmar
Catherine Grow	Magdalene Klintik
Nathan Hetler	Mary A. M. Burket

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Alma J. Moeller	Olive Raffenberger
Bert Robinson	Seavey Moeller
William Trein	Annette Gonnerman
Amelia Menton	David Shank
Lillian Gonnerman	Louise Meyers
Retta Slothower	Clara Woodyatt
Mae Rasch	Laura E. Long
Maud Chiverton	Harry Stephan
Emma Schmidt	Hannah Miller
Lulu Slothower	Kate Orgtlesen
Caroline Slothower	Francis M. Hughes
Jay W. Atkins	Minnie Unangst
Carrie Hill	Martha Gleim



The Church Council

Front row: Herbert Smith, William Lieving, Repair Fund Treas.; C. J. Johnson, Benevo'ence Treas.; Rev. Geo. Curran, Geo. Weyant, Secretary; Harry Wade, Treas.; Charles Hallouist, Vice President; John Bohnstiel. Upper row: Leon Miller, Kenneth Brerton, Kenneth Goss, Edgar Deets, Clyde Carson, Ivan Wakely, Stewardship Chairman; William Wickey, Edward Fisher.
Harry A. Moore passed to his eternal reward January 12, 1948.

The Building Committee

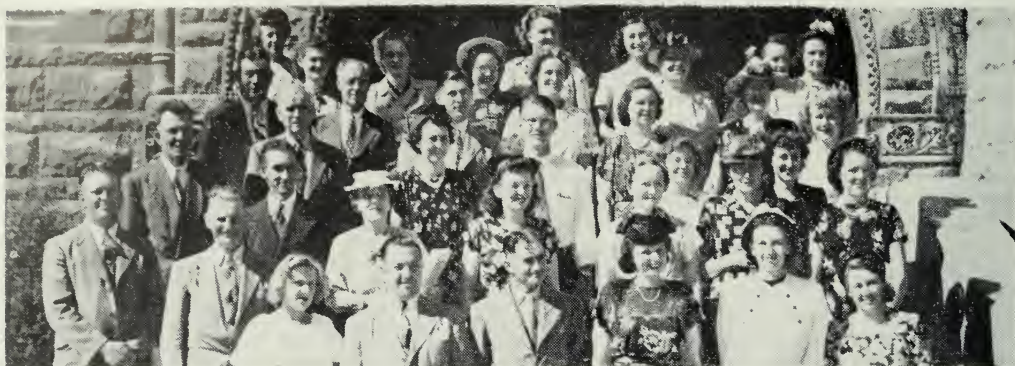
In July, 1945, the congregation voted to have the council make preparation for the building of a new church and begin raising funds. A Findings Committee, earlier appointed, had conferred with architects who advised building rather than remodeling. F. N. Lundholm, Geo. Weyant, John Bohnstiel and Shirley Wickey, in addition to those named on the Building Committee, comprised the Findings Committee. F. A. Hanson, the first chairman and finance chairman, moved to Iowa and was replaced by Wm. Wickey. Earl Au-

man moved to Freeport and was replaced by Spencer Johnson. Arnold Lund resigned because the nature of his work keeps him out of town so much that he felt he could not adequately serve. He was replaced by Lillian Peterson. The present committee is: Merton Memler, chairman; Wm. Wickey, Raymond Schmidt, Alice Meppin, Mrs. Geo. Christiansen, Lillian Peterson, C. J. Johnson. Herbert Smith, Spencer Johnson. Erda Glessner is treasurer and Violet McWethy is financial secretary. This committee is to carry on the program of raising funds and making plans.

The Sunday School

To teach the Word of God, and develop Christian character is the work of the Bible School, which is the great feeder for the church. Teachers endeavor to instill a love of God in the hearts of the children, to lead

those children to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, to stimulate them to Christian standards of living and finally to fit them for service in the church and in life.



The general group of officers and teachers.



Beginners' Department

Miss Shirley Wickey, superintendent. Teachers are Donna Dogwiler, Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Mrs. Ferris Walker, Mrs. Ed Bollman, Mrs. Ted Hughes, Georgia Curran and Lois Rosbrook.

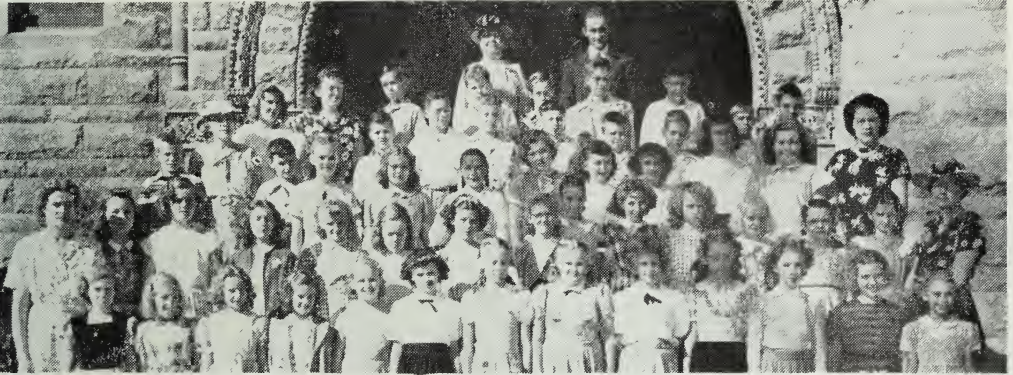


Primary Department

Mrs. Kenneth Gross is superintendent, succeeding Mrs. Harold Peterson. Teachers are: Mrs. Geo. Weyant, Mrs. Kenneth Brierton, Mrs. Layton Ebersole, Mrs. Wm. Worley, Mrs. A. G. Akerman, Miss Ruth Bollman, Miss Marie Moore. Assistants: Mrs. Dan Fritz, Mrs. Spencer Johnson, Mrs. Merle Drew, Mrs. Geo. Stiles, Mrs. Harold Scho'l and Goldie Grube. Miss Myrtle Shaffer is department secretary.

To give specialized training the School is divided into the following departments: Adult and Youth, Intermediate, Junior, Primary, Beginners, Nursery and Cradle Roll. General officers are: Superintendent, Theodore Hughes; Honorary Superintendent,

Walter White; Assistant Superintendent, Spencer Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Marian Van Metre; Assistant Secretary, Miss Gertrude Cornils; Treasurer, August Hallquist; Historian, Mrs. Bessie Schultz.



Junior Department

Miss Eleanor Powell is department superintendent. Teachers are: Mrs. Lyle Wade, Mrs. Kenneth Barnhart, Mrs. Charles Hank, Mrs. George Kieffer, Mr. Wm. Nordstrom, Mr. Edward Thomas. Mrs. Harriet Breunlin, Pianist; Miss Lois Orgiesen, Secretary. Mr. Elwood Schmidt worked in this department also until going away to school.



Intermediate Department

Mrs. Ralph Cross, superintendent. Teachers: Russel Hallquist, Mrs. John Grobe, Mrs. Don McWethy, Dorothy Drake, Herbert White, Rosemary Springer, secretary.



Young People and Adults

Youth teachers: Erda Glessner, Mrs. August Hallquist, Dan Orgiesen, Leon Miller, Harry Herbst. Adult teachers: Mrs. Gerhardt Siemens, Mrs. Geo. Christiansen, Mrs. Carl Woessner, Mrs. H. L. Wadsworth, Mrs. Clyde Carson, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Charles Hallquist, Clarence Wickey, Martin Tayman.

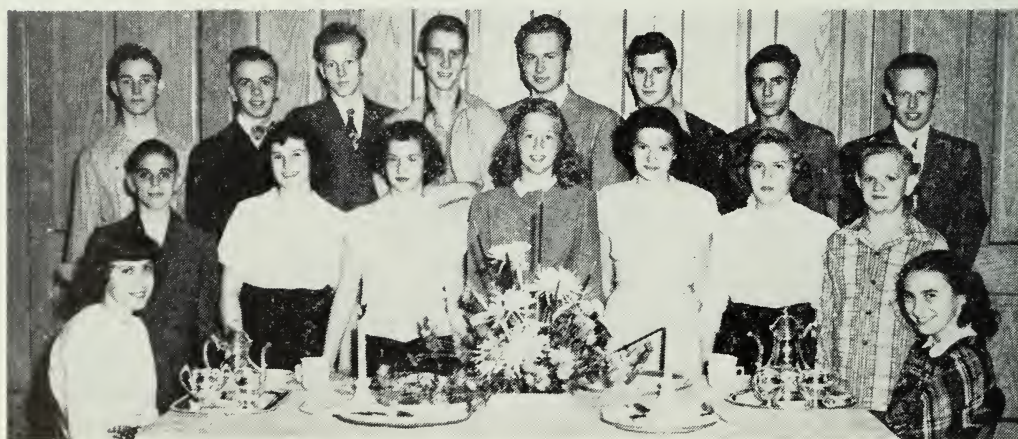
Young People's Activities

The young people's activities center largely in the Youth Leagues. Their meetings are held each second and fourth Sunday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock and comprise lunch, recreation and devotions. There is a Senior League for High School age and above. There is also an Intermediate League for 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Rev. Cooperrider is advisor for the Seniors and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Auman are leaders for the Intermediates.



Executive Board

The Executive Board: Elwood Schmidt, Rosemary Springer, Lucille Stahl, Russel Ha'lquist, Patricia Kenny, Richard Miller, Rev. Luther Cooperrider.



Luther League

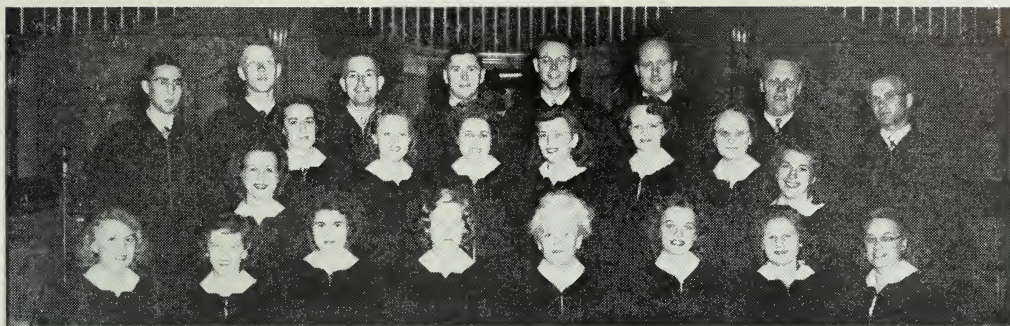
Officers: Russel Hallquist, President; Donald Memler, Vice President; Joanne Harden, Secretary; Richard Miller, Treasurer; Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Pianist. Department chairmen are Gerald Wakely, Irene Stahl, Lois Ortgiesen, Bob Clark, Morrison Miller.



Intermediate League

Officers: Verne Paxton, acting President; Roger Buckaloo, Secretary-Treasurer; Gaylene Carlson, Pianist.

The Choirs



The choirs of our church serve in an important way in the worship services and special seasons. There is always need for those who have talent and are interested in this work. Mrs. George Curran has been the director the past three years. Mrs. Dwight Chapman is the efficient organist and has faithfully played for more than thirty years, part of which time she also directed both Junior and Senior Choirs. Those who sang in the Senior choir this year are: Lois Ortgiesen, Georgia Curran, Patricia Leggett, Mrs. Curran, Gloria Slothower, Irene Stahl, Lulu Worley, Emma Stiles, Marguerite Woodyatt, Go'de Grube, Irene Hubbard, Harriett Breunlin, Jeanne Kieffer, Violet McWethy, Lois Cooperrider, Elwood Schmidt, Russell Hallquist, Dan Fritz, Spencer Johnson, Henry Smith, Wm. Nordstrom, Luther Cooperrider, Elaine Ommen, Erda Glessner, Bob Heckman, Marie Moore.



The Intermediate Choir was started in the fall of 1946 and is for girls age 11, through freshman year in high school. Those who sang this year are: Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Pat Warner, Carol Wakeley, Mary Wakeley, Beverly Beier, Nancy Wolfe, Gailene Carlson, Janet Sleasman, Shirley Tucker, Ila Radke. New members are being received in all three choirs this fall.



Th Junior Choir is for ages 7 to 11. Those who sang this year are: Roger Wade, Kenneth Swan, Dean Newman, John Stiles, Aaron Johnson, Eddie Saari, Patty Fritz, Bonnie Anderson, Georgiana Stiles, Myrtle Fritz, Dorothy Beauseigneur, Joanne Ortgiesen, Judy Bohlken, Donna Heckman, Sara Lynn Ebersole, Carol Hand, Frances Tucker, Leota Ortgiesen, Judy Stults, Dolores Newman, Brenda Swan, Barbara Wade, Eve'yn Rhodes, Diane Chandler, Phyllis Hufford, Leanne Ebersole, Marjorie Johnson, Beverly Bowers, Barbara Weiser, Kay Lund.

Women's Activities

All women of the church are invited into the varied activities for women. Besides the four auxiliaries pictured here, we have several women's classes of the Sunday School who render splendid service. The Sunshine, E. R. B. and Golden Rule

classes serve the women, while the young women have the Progressive and the Christian Helpers classes. A few of the fine things done by these groups have been mentioned in the history. Each of these classes has contributed to the New Church Building Fund also.



Aid

The Aid welcomes all women of the church, for the scope of service is extensive. They render service through the kitchen and dining room to countless community groups. They are also generous in their offerings and time. The Aid and these women's classes have sent scores of boxes with food and clothing to Pastor Lenke's family and parish in Holstein, Germany. They have also sent a great many boxes to Lutheran World Relief. In the last two

years they have purchased a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, silver nut dishes and lace table cloth, to be used for receptions, teas and church social meetings. To date, the Aid has contributed \$3100 to the New Church Building Fund. Officers are: Mrs. Clara Traynor, President; Mrs. Harry Fulfs, Vice President; Mrs. Wm. Worley, Secretary; Mrs. Herbert Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. Fred Enichen, Corresponding Secretary.



Deaconesses

Twelve ladies are elected annually by the congregation, to the Board of Deaconesses. They assist the pastor in calling on the sick and needy and in inviting new folks into the fellowship and service of the church. They care for the Altar at all times and have special care of the paraments and communion appointments. In these duties they render an invaluable serv-

ice to their church. The present Board of Deaconesses consists of Mrs. Herbert Smith, chairman; Miss Lillian Koerper, secretary; Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Jessie Follett, Mrs. Wm. Worley, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Ray Cramer, Mrs. Howard Sweitzer, Miss Bernice Good, Mrs. Alois Dogwiler, Mrs. Wm. Lieving and Mrs. Wm. Meyer. Lillian Koerper was absent from picture.



Grace Cooper Walter Missionary Congress

"A daily gift, a daily prayer, that all the world our Christ may share," is the keynote of the work of the Missionary Society. All funds go outside the local congregation into the various forms of missionary activity, comprising evangelistic, medical, industrial, educational and social missions. Not only is support given to those already in the field, but an effort is made to inspire worthy young men and

women to consider the call of missions, and to support all with prayers. The evening group meets at 7:30 p. m. on the second Tuesday of each month and is directed by the following officers:

President, Miss Eleanor E. Powell; Vice-President, Miss Lillian Koerper; Secretary, Mrs. Spencer Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Gross; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Donald McWethy.



Woman's Missionary Society

World wide is the scope of the Woman's Missionary Society. Its programs are both inspirational and educational. Not only is study connected with the monthly meetings, but timely missionary book reviews augment the fund of information which the Missionary women glean in regard to the needs of the world, and the spread of the gospel. Two branches en-

deavor to reach the women of the church. The one meets at 2:30 p. m. on the second Thursday of the month and is headed by the following officers:

President, Mrs. Lloyd W. Walter; Vice President, Mrs. Bert Ortgiesen; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Fulton; Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Bohnstiel.

Men's Activities

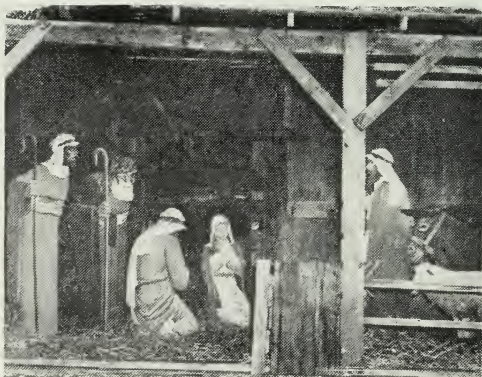


Brotherhood

The men of the church are invited to participate in the work of the Brotherhood. They meet monthly for discussion of timely topics in the service of the church. They annually sponsor the Father and Son banquet and serve the Mother and Daughter banquet. They have contributed \$100 to the New Church Building Fund. They are contributing \$150 to the revolving loan fund of Synod. Last year under the leadership of Herbert Smith, a mercy fund was started and a wheel chair was bought for use without charge to members of the church. It has been in constant use. A pair of crutches has also been given. The men have cooperated and cleaned the entire downstairs of the church this year. The Brotherhood sponsors Boy Scout Troop 89. Kenneth Barnhart is scout master, assisted by Larry Burrs and a committee from the Brotherhood with Dan Fritz as present chairman. During the year Lyle Wade, Ray Paxton, Roy Zickhur, Morris Rosbrook, John Grobe, Elwin Slothower and Wm. Nordstrom have served on the scout committee. All men are invited to join in the fellowship and service of this group. Officers are: Ray Paxton, President; Spencer Johnson, Vice President; Leon Miller, Secretary, and Elmer LeFevre, Treasurer.

Two organized Bible classes also do much for the church. The Good Fellowship class is composed largely of younger men. They have interesting monthly meetings and sponsor the Sunday School orchestra, led by Mr. Earl Senneff. They have contributed \$600 to the New Church Building Fund. They do many fine things for the Nachusa Home for Children, including an annual dinner for the boys, followed by an interesting program for them. Harold Boyer is President and Harry Wade is Secretary-Treasurer. The Big Brothers'

class is another class of men who have done fine things for our church. The membership is more largely among the older men of the church and concentration is on the Sunday Bible study. They participate in giving Youth Camp scholarships and other encouraging activities for future leaders. They have also given to the New Church Fund. Claude Sweitzer is President; H. L. Wadsworth, Vice President; Frank Hughes, Secretary, and John Martenson, Treasurer. A new and interesting project of the men last year was the sponsoring of and the erection of the outdoor Manger Scene in front of our church during Christmas season. Mr. C. J. Johnson provided the Stable materials. Mr. Fred Meinke made the life size figures, a real work of art. Ray Zimmer provided the transformer and lighting equipment and a number of men assisted in erecting it. Christmas music was broadcast through the amplifying system provided by Harrison Chevrolet Co.



Outside Christmas Manger

Called to the Colors

Servicemen in World War I

(Those marked "M" were members of the church, * were killed in service)



Arthur Altman	(M)	Carl Kling	(M)
Frank Altman	(M)	Louis May	
Guy Ankeny	(M)	Arthur Martenson	(M)
Ed. Baldwin		Arthur Mensch	(M)
Claude Berkey		Howard Metzler	
Glen Beckingham	(M)	Howard McCleary	
Leo Blass	(M)	Ed. McKnight	
Ed. Bott	(M)*	Clarence McPherson	
John Bott	(M)	Leon Miller	(M)
Byron Brooks	(M)	Herman Nelson	(M)
Clyde Carson	(M)	Elmer Peterson	(M)
Dan Coakley		Frank Robinson	(M)
Myron Cummings	(M)	John Rosbrook	
Clyde Emmert	(M)	Morris Rosbrook	
Walter Fallstrom	(M)	John E. Ruef	(M)
Dudley Friedline	(M)	James Schrock	(M)
Earl Fruin		Sterling Schrock	(M)
Lloyd Fruin		Herbert Smith	(M)
Robert Fulton	(M)	Walter Smith	(M)
Wylie George	(M)	Jake Snyder	
Alva Hefley	(M)	Harold Spencer	
Arthur Hefley		Theodore Spencer	(M)
Lee Hefley		Ralph Spielman	
Lloyd Hubbard	(M)	Charles Whitford	(M)
George LeFevre	(M)	James Whitford	(M)
Clyde Lenox	(M)	Wilbur Wilhelm	(M)

Men and Women in Service During World War II

Dean Adams		Paul R. Grube		Henry C. Raffenberg	
Robert L. Adams		August V. Hallquist	(M)	R. R. Raffenberg	
Edward O. Anderson	(M)	Robert J. Hanson	(M)	Otto L. Randall	(M)
Jay Donald Atkins		Kenneth A. Hasselberg	(M)	Marion V. Rees	(M)
Ned G. Auman	(M)	Thomas H. Hasselberg		Arthur W. Reynolds, Jr.	(M)
Herbert O. Auman	(M)	Frank A. Heaton	(M)	Dean W. Ruggles	(M)
Hubert O. Auman	(M)	Frank A. Heckman	(M)	H. Mark Salzman	(M)
Warren Baker	(M)	Robert L. Heckman	(M)	Ione E. Salzman	(M)
George H. Baker	(M)	Gerald E. Heid		Stanley W. Schrock	
Wilbur Eugene Bates	(M)	Harold Helfrich	(M)	Elwood Schultz	(M)
John H. Bellin	(M)	LeRoy Helfrich		Henry W. Schumacher	(M)
Arthur L. Benson	(M)	William F. Helfrich	(M)	Homer Scott	(M)
Stanley Bolivar	(M)	Robert L. Hess	(M)	Donald E. Shaffer	(M)
George H. Breeding	(M)	Lester A. Hill, Jr.	(M)	Cyril M. Shank	(M)
Donald E. Bremer	(M)	John Fred Hofmann	(M)	John O. Shaulis, Jr.	(M)
Vincent C. Bremer	(M)	L. A. Hoogenstyn	(M)	George R. Schuck	
Richard Brown	(M)	Bryce Hubbard		Russell W. Shuck	(M)
Robert L. Buckingham	(M)	Dudley S. Hubbard		Elmer Shilling	
James O. Buckingham	(M)	Benjamin C. Hucker	(M)	William K. Short	
Donald F. Campbell	(M)	Theodore J. Hill, Jr.	(M)*	Harvey Smith	(M)
Donald J. Carlsen	(M)	George Ide	(M)	Scott W. Smith	
Keith Clark	(M)	Henry M. Jensen	(M)	John D. Sodegren	
Charles W. Clinker	(M)	John J. Jensen, Jr.	(M)	Orlando E. Spangler	
E. R. Chytraus	(M)	Kenneth L. Johnson	(M)	Reinhardt Stahl	(M)
Ronald Cooper	(M)	Ralph Johnson	(M)	Orien L. Stein	(M)
Robert E. Considine		Lester G. Kieffer	(M)	Vernon W. Stein	(M)
William R. Cooper	(M)	Donald Kieffer	(M)	Jason W. Stanley	(M)
Robert S. Cottle	(M)	Walter C. Knack, Jr.	(M)	Arnold K. Swan	(M)
Edward L. Cornils	(M)	B. Wilson Koon	(M)	Vernon E. Swan	(M)
Melvin Cory		Erling Knutson	(M)	Clifford L. Swanlund	(M)
Dale L. Cramer	(M)	Glenn W. Landers	(M)	Kenneth Stanley	(M)
Morris Cornstubble	(M)	Walter A. Lengel	(M)*	Martin A. Taysman	(M)
Erwin H. Dalke	(M)	Miles B. Lonergan	(M)	Edward L. Thomas	(M)
Edgar Deets	(M)	James B. Marshall	(M)	Raymond Toot	(M)
Russell E. Denison		Fred L. Martenson	(M)	William V. Utter	
Paul E. Dewey	(M)	Fred E. Meinke, Jr.	(M)	Carol Vickery	(M)
Charles A. Drake	(M)*	Don N. McBride	(M)	Harry D. Wade	(M)
Neal Denison	(M)	Earl H. Meurer		Robert M. Wadsworth	(M)*
Robert Dogwiler	(M)	Daniel E. Miller	(M)	LeRoy J. Wagner	
Donald W. Edwards	(M)	George E. Miller	(M)	Ferris J. Walker	(M)
Russell E. Eller	(M)	Donald E. Miller	(M)	Helen C. Walker	(M)
Theodore Eller	(M)	Leo B. Miller	(M)	Lloyd W. Walter, Jr.	(M)
Edward Emmert	(M)	Robert W. Miller	(M)*	Claude H. Welker	(M)
Howard Edwards, Jr.	(M)	Donald A. Moore	(M)	William Wadsworth	(M)
Robert R. Fischer	(M)	Robert Meppen	(M)	Robert Wirth	(M)
Bert C. Fish	(M)	LaVerne McMillion	(M)	Walter White, Jr.	(M)
Harry W. Fish	(M)	Warren Needham	(M)	Harry E. Wickey	(M)
Max Fordham		Wayne Needham		William K. Wickey, Jr.	(M)
Norman Fritz	(M)	William I. Nordstrom	(M)	Loren C. Wilson	(M)
William R. Frye	(M)	Gordon Ommen	(M)	Raymond E. Wirth	(M)
Earl A. Genz	(M)	Wilson B. Ortgiesen	(M)	Wayne Wolfe	(M)
Glen E. Genz	(M)	Carol I. Pace	(M)	Richard Woodyatt	*
Leroy O. Genz	(M)	Raymond O. Paxton	(M)	Wm. F. Worley	(M)
Edward Gerdes	(M)	Robert B. Pelsma		Raymond E. Worsley	
Orville H. Gerdes	(M)	Elmer Peterson	(M)	Don E. Youngmark	(M)
Kenneth Gross	(M)	William P. Pontius	(M)	David Youngmark	(M)
		Wayne Pope	(M)	Howard C. Zentz	*
				Donald E. Zoeller	

Called to the Church



Rev. Theodore S. Rees

Two sons of the congregation are serving in the active ministry of the Lutheran Church. Theodore S. Rees is pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his higher education at Carthage College, University of Minnesota, and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary at Minneapolis, receiving the B.D. degree in 1930. He was pastor of First English Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Canada, 1929-1938; pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, 1938-1942, and pastor of St. Mark's, North St. Paul, since 1942. Besides his pastorate, he has served the church at large in a number of synodical and interdenominational committees and boards. Among them, director of Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota; member of Consultative Committee of Family Service in Winnipeg; Secretary of Central Conference of Northwest Synod; Secretary of Winnipeg Ministerial Association; treasurer and business manager of the Lutheran Lake Camp Board of Central Conference and chairman of the Lutheran Receiving Home Committee. Mrs. Rees is a graduate of Carthage College also. They have three children, Marthetta Joann, 18; Mary Jayne, 15, and Theodore Joseph, 11.

Paul R. Bollman is pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois. He received his higher education at Carthage College, Northwestern Seminary at Minneapolis, and Chicago Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, receiving his B.D. degree from the latter institution in 1929. He was ordained by the Illinois Synod, May 23,



Rev. Paul R. Bollman

1929, and has served this Synod his entire ministry to date. His pastorates have been at Loogootee, 1928-1930; Vandalia-Loogootee, 1930-1932; Unity, St. Louis, 1942-1945; St. Paul's, Oregon, since 1945. In the general work of the church he has served as secretary of Southern Conference 5 years; as Southern Conference president 3 terms; on Carthage College Board 1 term; and other local offices in social and ministerial service. He was married in June, 1929, to Grace Johnson, also a former member of St. Paul's, Dixon. They have one daughter, Lois, a junior in High School.

Wilson White, son of Mrs. Katherine White, earlier affiliated with St. Paul's Sunday School, later went into the Evangelical ministry and is serving the Evangelical and United Brethren Church at Bonfield, Ill.

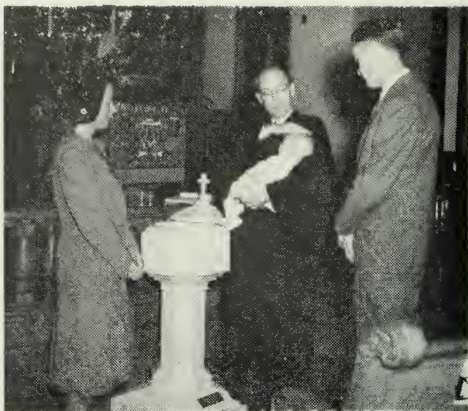
Dana C. Johnson, born 1865, and brought up in St. Paul's church, received his higher education in Wittenberg College, and Hamma Divinity School, graduating in 1897. He served only a brief time in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was called to his eternal reward at the age of 33, in 1898.

Edwin Bollman was born 1858 and received his higher education in Carthage College and Hamma Divinity School. He was ordained in St. Paul's, Dixon, October 19, 1890. He served parishes at Forreston, Ill.; Pearl City, Ill.; Davenport, Neb.; Wilber, Neb.; Wolbach-Ericson, Neb.; Effingham, Kan.; Oxford Jct., Iowa; Walton, Neb.; Benedict, Neb.; as well as in general committees of the church. He passed to his eternal reward Nov. 25, 1933.

Our Church Tomorrow

Oh make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of burnished gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light, as of old;
O teach Thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

The Ministry of the Church



"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."



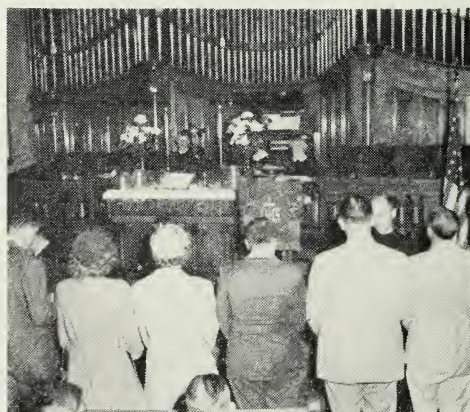
"Worship God in the beauty of holiness."



"Preach the Word. Be instant in season and out of season."



"If thou wilt confess with thy mouth . . . and believe with thine heart . . . thou shalt be saved."



"We are all one body, even as we partake of this one bread and drink of this one cup."



"Marriage is a holy estate, ordained of God, and to be held in honor by all."



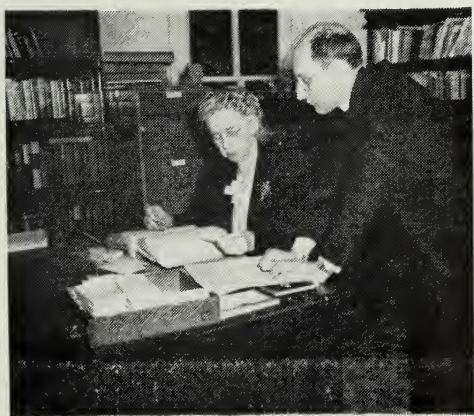
"And they went from house to house . . . continuing steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine."



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."



"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"



"Be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."



"Praise God with stringed instruments and organs."

Christian



The Individual



The Home

The Church is the Body of Christ. It is therefore a living body. A living body is constantly making new growth, not only for replacement but for advancement. It is a substantial body, founded upon the sturdy, rocklike faith of a fearless conviction of truth, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." Because of this unwavering sturdiness, we are assured that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church. Its continued strength, however, does depend on us. We are the defenders of the faith, not merely by arguing for it with our lips but by the faithful enlistment of our lives in greater usefulness for winning souls to the Christian way of life, where they may learn the truth about God.

One of the saints prayed: "Sanctify us by Thy Truth, Lord, for Thy Word is truth." Through education the Church strives to enlighten people and impress upon them the importance of truth. For the fulfillment of Christian truth and responsibility, young people are challenged to Christian leadership in their chosen service of life at home or abroad.

The Church must grow. The individuals within the Church must grow in Christian grace and understanding. In our Bible School, our church uses the most modern educational materials and methods. In the church worship we try to provide inspiring music and impressive messages from God's Word. Through faithfulness in worship, Bible study and prayer, there is created the desire for cheerful expression of faith through Christian service.

The Church must grow in numbers. Through these 100 years St. Paul's has grown substantially but her responsibility grows with her numerical power. Therefore, members are constantly urged to invite others to attend church and find hope in God, for "he who winneth souls is wise."

The Church should improve its equipment to better serve the needs and interests of each generation. Our church home should be no less attractive than our family home. Through our Centennial improvement program we have brightened the interior of our church and made it more serviceable for the immediate future. The New Church Building Fund solicits the support of every member, so that when building conditions become more favorable, the money will be ready to build the kind of church home that will enable this congregation to provide a greater ministry to larger numbers of children, youth, and adults. Our Building Committee desires your interest and suggestions.

Growth in service is the desire of our church. To further this desire, we trust that every member of St. Paul's will dedicate anew his prayers, his presence, his gifts and his service, that the balanced growth of the church today may assure a better church of tomorrow.

Growth

The Individual

Direction is important in each individual life. In the Bible is stressed the need for guidance, and direction. "Train up a child in the way he should go" is one example. A response from the heart is expressed in "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord!'"

The individual grows physically by the use of good food and exercise. He grows mentally by using his mind, wrestling with the problems placed before him. He grows in faith and fervor by worship and fellowship with God in prayer and the study of His Word. We must grow as Jesus grew "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Through a program of education and inspiration, the church makes a vital contribution to the Christian growth of the individual.

The Home

"My home is my castle," says one great leader. The Christian home begins when two lives are joined in wedded love. The home is the bulwark of strength in every community. No nation is stronger than its homes, and no home is greater than the individuals who live in it.

Home is where God's honor dwells. Here the influence of Christ's unending love must be felt. Here children are to obey their parents, in the Lord, and parents are not to provoke their children to anger. In the home, foundations of understanding are laid and wholesome personalities are developed into Christian citizenship.

The Community

The Community is that larger neighborhood where hearts are tied together in a social relationship. It offers opportunity for physical sustenance through business and toil, where no man lives to himself but all are dependent upon one another.

In the community, citizens provide schools for education, hospitals and institutions of mercy, social and recreational centers and the security of community government.

Active churches are the undergirding units of life for the maintaining of good standards of living.

The World

"In Christ there is no East or West!" Christianity is world-wide in its scope and purpose. Christ's great commission to His disciples in the closing days of His life on earth was to "make disciples of all nations." By Christian missions, the Church strives to enlighten the world through His Word and ennoble it by Christian lives. The terms, "Church World Service" or "Lutheran World Action" are not mere titles, but here are united in living demonstrations the loving acts of Christian souls extended to enemy and friend alike, in the name of Jesus, that tomorrow there may be a better world.



The Community

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The World

Serving Beyond



Carthage College

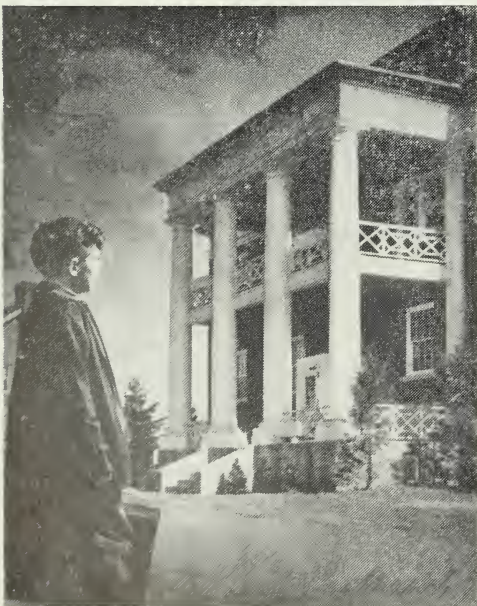
St. Paul's congregation serves far beyond the boundaries of Dixon, in the institutions of the church at large and in the mission fields of America and abroad. Members of the congregation participate in this larger work thru their loyal support of the whole program of the Church.

Through our Benevolent Offerings, we support world service. A portion of the Benevolence is used by the Illinois Synod and the institutions on its territory, and other portions are used by the various



Maywood Seminary

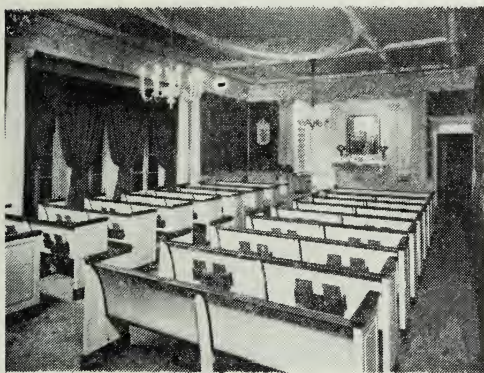
new communities as they grow and the need for a church is found. In the cause of Foreign Missions, we join with congregations in all Synods of the United Lutheran Church to bring the Gospel of Peace to Nations still in the darkness of heathendom. We share in the young people's work through a budgeted part of Benevolence for the furthering of the Luther League. Our church had the privilege of being host to the Illinois State Luther League Convention in August, 1947. In October, 1948, as a part of this Centennial, we were hosts to



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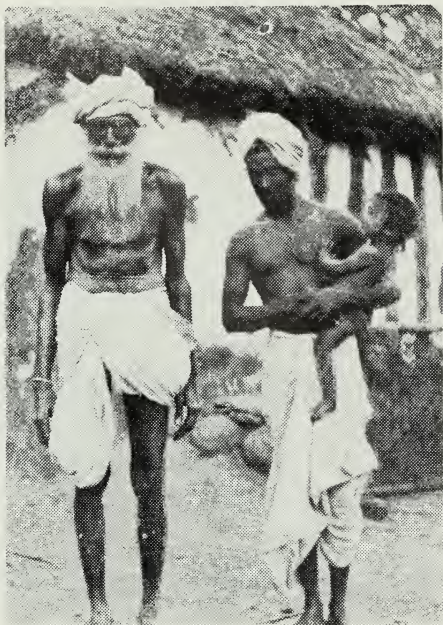
Our Parish

the Northern District Rally, each time accommodating about 300 young folks. From the Church House at 231 Madison Ave., New York City, comes the direction of most of the work of the United Lutheran Church. Here the president, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, and the Secretary, Dr. F. Epling Reinartz, have their offices. Here also are the offices of Social Missions, American Missions, Foreign Missions, Layman's Movement for Stewardship and the offices of the National Lutheran Council. In this National Lutheran Council, our United Lutheran Church is affiliated with other Lutheran bodies for a closer unity in



The Church House,
231 Madison Ave., New York

the work of our church in America; and through the Lutheran World Federation, for greater effectiveness in the work of the Lutheran Church in the world; in Lutheran World Relief, Orphaned Missions and general rehabilitation. All Lutheran groups, except the Missouri Synod, unite in this work as well as in Lutheran Student work.



A Typical Foreign Mission Field



CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

October 3—Centennial Communion.

8 a. m. Meditation by Pastor Curran.

10:45 a. m. Meditation by Rev. Wilbur Currens, Missionary in Africa.

7:30 p. m. Meditation by Pastor Curran.

October 10—Youth Sunday.

3 p. m. Northern District Luther League Rally.

Speaker: Rev. Luther Cooperrider.

7 p. m. Speaker: Student Rudolph Markwald, from Germany.

October 17—Centennial Service.

7:30 p. m. Speaker: Dr. Joseph Sittler, of Maywood Seminary.

October 21—Centennial Pageant, in Loveland Community House, 7:45 p. m.

Cast of 100, directed by Miss Hazel Hecker.

October 24—History Service, 7:30 p. m.

Speaker: Rev. Paul Bollman, pastor of St. Paul's, Oregon, Ill., a son of the congregation.

Last fifty years of history read by Hazel Hecker and Eleanor Powell.

October 27—Centennial Family Banquet, at the Masonic Temple, 6:30 p. m.

Speaker: Rev. Theodore Rees, Pastor of St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn., a son of the congregation.

Moving Picture of the Centennial Year.

October 31—Choir Vesper Service, at 4:30 p. m.

Sacred music by the three choirs, Mrs. Geo. Curran, director.

Mrs. Dwight Chapman, organist.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Herbert Smith, chairman Bert Robinson, Henry Jensen, Walter White, Clarence Wickey, William Trein, Claude Sweitzer, Charles Hallquist, C. J. Johnson, Eleanor Powell, John Martenson, Mrs. Bessie Schultz, Lyle Wade, Arnold Lund, Sidney Buckaloo, William Wickey, Harry Wade, Ruth Bollman, Clyde Carson, Mrs. Wm. Wickey, Mrs. George Weyant, Herman Rasch, Edgar Deets, Dan Fritz, Mrs. Ralph Cross, Miss Hazel Hecker. For the front cover we are indebted to Mr. Fred Meinke.

We are indebted to the Pastor of the First Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, the Rev. Reno Frobenius, and the leaders of that church for the general idea of our Centennial Book. Their fiftieth anniversary book afforded much help.

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